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Auditor Edelen releases local adult education audits

Auditors examine 33 programs, \$11.9 million in grants

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 15, 2012) – Auditor Adam Edelen today released a series of performance audits on 33 adult education programs funded by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) with grants totaling \$11.9 million in the 2011 fiscal year.

Of the 33 programs audited, 22 programs did not have any reportable exceptions. One of the programs' audits resulted in disallowed costs totaling \$4,016, or less than one percent of program funds audited.

Each year, CPE selects 25 percent of its programs to be audited. The programs are selected on a rotating basis.

The programs audited are in the following counties: Adair, Barren, Bath, Butler, Caldwell, Campbell, Casey, Christian, Clay, Daviess, Floyd, Garrard, Grant, Hardin, Hopkins, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, Larue, Lawrence, McCreary, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Trigg, Washington, Whitley and Woodford. Hardin, Jefferson and Johnson each received two grants that were audited.

These counties provided adult education services to 18,542 students in fiscal year 2011.

The 11 counties with reportable exceptions are: Bath, Butler, Campbell, Christian, Clay, Floyd, Garrard, Grant, Hardin, Kenton, and Ohio.

Following are findings by category:

Financial Reporting and Compliance

Only one program had a finding in this category. Campbell County requested reimbursement that was more than the amount supported by the program's financial records, which were considered disallowed costs of \$4,016.

Participant Eligibility and Record Keeping

Auditors reviewed files for over 1,550 participants and noted a total of 62 findings for nine of the 33 programs. (Note: Auditors found multiple exceptions in some participant files.) The nine programs were in the following counties: Butler, Christian, Clay, Floyd, Garrard, Grant, Hardin, Kenton, and Ohio. The highest number of findings in this category, 47, resulted from the lack of documentation to support the homework hours in the Adult Education Reporting Information Network (AERIN). The next highest number of findings, five, resulted from the program not providing an applicable withdrawal statement in the participant's file to support their official withdrawal from school.

Payroll and Staff Requirements

The auditors assessed one program with one finding in this category. The Department of Military Affairs in Hardin County was unable to provide support of a required bachelor's degree in an instructor's personnel file.

Purchasing/Expenditure Compliance

One program had a finding in this category. Bath County purchased inventory items that had useful lives greater than one year but were not included on the final KYAE inventory record.

To determine the significance and frequency of the audit exceptions, auditors compiled a summary of the exceptions, which was sent to CPE along with recommendations on ways to strengthen its administrative support to local adult education programs.

The individual program audits and a summary of all the audits can be found on the auditor's website.

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